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ADVISORY ACTION

Response to Amendment

This is in response to the Amendment After Final dated January 19, 2011. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Response to Arguments

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims **3-4, 6, 8-14 and 16-19** drawn to an invention nonelected without traverse in the reply filed on March 29, 2010. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Objections

Claim **1** has been objected to because of minor informalities.

The objection of claim 1 has been withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims **1-2 and 7** have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **WO 00/14305** ('305) in view of **Sonntag et al.** (US Patent No. 6,652,728 B1) and **Fenyés et al.** (US Patent No. 4,506,081).

The rejection of claims 1-2 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 00/14305 ('305) in view of Sonntag et al. (US Patent No. 6,652,728 B1) and Fenyes et al. is as applied in the Office Actions dated June 8, 2010 and December 6, 2010 and incorporated herein. The rejection has been maintained for the following reasons:

Applicants state that the polyamine taught by Feynes et al. would not teach a polyamine consisting essentially of the first repeating unit 1 and the second repeating unit 2A because a polyamine consisting essentially of the first repeating unit 1 and the second repeating unit 2A would be limited to these two repeating units and would not include the additional alcohol molecule as is required by structure B of Feynes et al.

In response, the phrase "consisting essentially of" limits the scope of a claim to the specified materials or steps and those that do not materially affect the basic and novel characteristic of the claimed invention. If Applicants contend that additional steps or materials in the prior art are excluded by the recitation of "consisting essentially of," Applicants have the burden of showing that the introduction of additional steps or components would materially change the characteristics of Applicants' invention (MPEP § 2111.03).

Applicants have not shown that the additional alcohol molecule would materially affect the basic and novel characteristic of Applicants' claimed bath.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to EDNA WONG whose telephone number is (571) 272-1349. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexa Neckel can be reached on (571) 272-1446. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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